

## A CIRCUS TICKET

Marla saw the sign as she was heading down Main Street. The sign was tacked onto a telephone [long/ rave/ pole]. In big, bold letters the sign [said/ most/ form], SMITH AND BROTHERS CIRCUS COMING TO TOWN.

"[Not/ Two/ Why]," thought Marla, "it looks like the [circus/ would/ rather] will be here on Saturday!" Marla [mat/ tap/ ran] home to tell her mom about [the/ mad/ nor] circus. She had never been to [a/ is/ on] circus, but had read lots of stories [fret/ about/ walk] all of the animals and clowns.

"Mom, [thing/ guess/ rush] what," Marla said as soon as [dig/ rub/ she] got home. "The circus is coming [to/ lit/ no] town!" "When is it?" Mother asked. "[Wet/ It's/ Got] on Saturday," Marla replied. Mother sighed [deeply/ rather/ weather]. "Now, Marla," she said, "you know [keep/ fort/ that] your father does not get paid [until/ weep/ told] next week. We just won't have [out/ the/ bin] money to send you to the [circus/ yellow/ growth] this week." Marla turned away with [got/ race/ her] head hung low. What her mother [said/ down/ quit] was true. Money was tight and [on/ as/ it] would be hard to pay for [a/ so/ in] circus ticket this week.

Marla sat [me/ on/ or] her bed, staring at the ceiling. [Part/ How/ Rate] could she get the money for [in/ by/ a] circus ticket? Suddenly, Marla had an [idea/ have/ time]. Why couldn't she wash cars to [that/ quit/ make] some money? Marla washed her dad's [open/ the/ car] every weekend and knew that she [jolly/ could/ lonely] do a good job. Marla also [mark/ date/ knew] that washing cars was not a favorite [job/

4.10 the/ eat] for everyone.

The next morning, Marla carried [a/ is/ on] hose and a bucket of soapy [taken/ even/ water] and rags out onto the driveway. [The/ She/ Wart] put up a sign that said, [CAR/ JOLT/ EAT] WASH - \$1.00. It was not long [grown/ before/ devil] Marla's first customer rolled into the driveway. Marla scrubbed [corn/ the/ and] sprayed until the car shone. The customer [gave/ lose/ band] Marla a dollar and a big "[Winner/ Young/ Thank] you" for the wonderful job Marla [cat/ mate/ did]. Soon other cars pulled in and Marla [washed/ yellow/ until] and scrubbed quickly. Each customer left [each/ with/ tried] a smile and a shiny car.

[At/ We/ Do] the end of the day, Marla [for/ sat/ bald] down in the grass, too tired [is/ to/ a] move. She was wet from head [to/ in/ at] toe and her nose was sunburned. [By/ Or/ It] was all worth it though, because Marla [bat/ had/ for] earned \$10.00. That was more than [floor/ enough/ river] money to buy a ticket to [pan/ out/ the] circus.

When Saturday came, Marla was [pen/ the/ one] of the first in line to [dash/ upon/ get] her ticket. She sat in the [folly/ third/ walk] row, right in front of the ringmaster. [The/ Hat/ Was] show began and Marla laughed at [can/ bone/ the] clowns' funny skits. She gasped at [pat/ take/ the] men on the flying trapeze and clapped [her/ out/ rat] hands for all of the animals. Marla [lack/ that/ felt] very happy inside. Her hard work [had/ in/ top] paid off, and she finally was able [up/ to/ the] see a real, live circus!